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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - April 1, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Gustavo Antonio Beltran-Rodriguez was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Judge Thomas J. Whelan to serve 70 months in custody based on his conviction for federal firearms and narcotics violations and reentry into the United States after deportation.

In connection with his guilty plea on September 10, 2007, Beltran-Rodriguez admitted to being a felon and illegal alien in possession of firearms, including a Colt .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun, a Bayard 7.65mm semi-automatic handgun, and a Mossberg .22 caliber handgun. In his plea, Beltran-Rodriguez also admitted to illegal possessing with intent to distribute approximately 79.68 grams of heroin and 29.92 grams of methamphetamine, and to being a previously deported alien illegally in the United States.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 07CR2402-W**

Gustavo Antonio Beltran-Rodriguez

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2) - Felon in Possession of a Firearm

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5)(A) and 924(a)(2) - Illegal Alien in Possession of a Firearm

Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) - Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute

Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) - Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute

Title 8, United State Code, Sections 1326(a) and (b) - Deported Alien Found in the United States

**AGENCIES**

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Chula Vista Police Department